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Representative Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr.*

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House Bill No. 6457

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Regional Blood Centers are necessary as it gives nearby hospitals access to a supply of blood, and they guarantee a prompt and efficient response during emergencies, such as accidents or natural disasters. In an emergency, this quickness is vital for saving lives.

Establishing blood facilities across various regions fosters community support and involvement as well. When people understand that giving blood directly benefits their local community and establishes a stable and long-lasting supply of blood, they are more inclined to donate.

The creation of plantilla positions within regional blood centers improves operational efficiency. By ensuring that qualified individuals are available to oversee and plan crucial tasks, these roles help to maintain the blood supply system's overall resilience. These experts are essential to quality assurance, inventory control, and collaboration with nearby healthcare providers. Their presence is essential for preserving the quality of blood products and efficiently meeting the changing needs of the community.

Indeed, the establishment of the Northern Mindanao Regional Blood Center (NMRBC) would greatly help with the enhancement of blood and blood product safety and the delivery of adequate and quality blood supplies to the most vulnerable in the Northern Mindanao Region.

In view of the foregoing reason, the expeditious approval of this proposed bill is earnestly sought

  
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**AN ACT**

**INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NORTHERN MINDANAO REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER IN  
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** The existing Regional Blood Center facility situated in the Department of Health Center of Health Development Northern Mindanao (DOH-CHD-NM), City of Cagayan de Oro shall be upgraded and converted into the *Northern Mindanao Regional Blood Center*.

**SECTION 2.** The facilities of the Northern Mindanao Regional Blood Center shall be upgraded and increased, consistent with the DOH regulatory requirements.

**SECTION 3.** The Northern Mindanao Regional Blood Center shall be under the supervision of the Regional Director of the DOH-CHD-NM and shall have the following functions:

- a. Ensure the safe and adequate supply of blood and blood products to all hospitals and health service facilities in the region in terms of distribution and delivery;
- b. Motivate, retain and care for voluntary blood donors;
- c. Collect blood from qualified voluntary blood donors;
- d. Perform in-house and mobile apheresis procedures;
- e. Perform in-house and mobile whole blood donation;
- f. Test units of blood for transfusion-transmissible infections;
- g. Process whole blood into blood components;
- h. Perform specialized procedures in the processing of blood including, but not limited to: pathogen reduction, leukoreduction, leukodepletion, and blood irradiation;
- i. Store, issue, transport and distribute whole blood and blood components to end-user hospitals and non-hospital health facilities;
- j. Perform blood and blood product quality control checks on other blood centers;
- k. Conduct training and research on blood service facility personnel in their geographic region;
- l. Conduct clinical research and trials;
- m. Input data into registry for rare blood types;
- n. Ensure efficiency of blood services through continuous capacity building and provision of blood program logistics;
- o. Strengthening of Regional Blood services Network through the periodic conduct of quality assessment and blood service facility visitation/monitoring;
- p. Perform other special procedures expected of a blood service facility that is contextually appropriate;

- q. Perform any and all other acts that are necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of the law.

**SECTION 4.** Tax Exemptions and other Privileges. - The provision of any general or special law to the contrary notwithstanding, all donations, grants, contributions, gifts or endowments received by the Northern Mindanao Regional Blood Center pursuant hereto, shall be exempt from income, gift and all other kinds of taxes, and shall be further considered as allowable deductions from the gross income of the donor, in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

**SECTION 5.** Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Secretary of Health, in consultation with the concerned sector regulators, shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act: Provided, that, the Secretary may revise such implementing rules and regulations as it deems necessary: Provided, however, that such revised implementing rules and regulations shall only take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

**SECTION 6.** Appropriation. - The number of medical and administrative personnel, the amount necessary for personnel services, maintenance and other operating expenses and capital outlay of the Northern Mindanao Regional Blood Center shall be immediately included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and the years thereafter. The Secretary of Health shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and Management and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, and after consultation with the Regional Director of the DOHCHD-NM, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created pursuant to this Act.

**SECTION 7.** Separability Clause. - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provisions thereof shall not be affected by such declaration.

**SECTION 8.** Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,